

1       **In the Claims**

2       Claims 1, 12, 19, 25, 30 and 32 have been amended.

3       Claims 1-39 remain in the application and are listed as follows:

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5       1.     (Currently Amended) A method of processing a multi-media  
6     editing project comprising:

7       generating a request for one or more multi-media files for use in a  
8     multi-media editing project, the request being generated by a user  
9     computer that comprises part of a network where multi-media files are  
10    maintained in a network -accessible location;

11       intercepting the request;

12       ascertaining whether a requested multi-media file is located on the  
13     user computer by checking one or more user-designated directories for the  
14     multi-media file, wherein said one or more user-designated directories can  
15     be designated by a user specifying a path name for said one or more user-  
16     designated directories;

17       retrieving the multi-media file if the file is located on the user  
18     computer; and

19       seeking the requested file from the network-accessible location if  
20     the multi-media file is not located on the user computer.

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22       2.     (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising asking  
23     a user to designate a local directory if a requested file is not found on the  
24     user computer.

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1           3.     (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising asking  
2 a user to designate a local directory if a requested file is not found on the  
3 user computer, and then searching for the requested file in a designated  
4 local directory before seeking the requested file from the network-  
5 accessible location.

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7           4.     (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said ascertaining  
8 comprises checking various predetermined file directories on the  
9 computer's hard drive.

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11           5.     (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said ascertaining  
12 comprises:

13                 maintaining a list of directories where multi-media files have been  
14 stored in the past; and

15                 checking directories on the list for the requested one or more files.

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17           6.     (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said ascertaining  
18 comprises:

19                 maintaining a list of directories where multi-media files are stored;

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21                 checking directories on the list for the requested one or more files.

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23           7.     (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said ascertaining  
24 comprises:

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1 maintaining a list of directories where multi-media files have been  
2 stored in the past or are presently stored; and

3 checking directories on the list for the requested one or more files.

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5 8. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

6 maintaining a list of directories where multi-media files are stored;

7 and

8 updating the list responsive to receiving and storing a multi-media  
9 file in a local directory that is not on the list.

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11 9. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

12 maintaining a list of directories where multi-media files are stored;

13 and

14 updating the list responsive to a user designating a local directory  
15 that is not on the list.

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17 10. (Original) One or more computer-readable media having  
18 computer-readable instructions thereon which, when executed by a  
19 computer, implement the method of claim 1.

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21 11. (Original) A multi-media project editing application  
22 configured for execution on a user computer, the application being  
23 configured to implement the method of claim 1.

1           12.   (Currently Amended) A method of processing a multi-media  
2 editing project comprising:

3           maintaining information on a local computer that comprises part of  
4 a network having multiple computers, said information being associated  
5 with multi-media files that are maintained in a network-accessible location  
6 and that can be temporarily stored on the local computer's hard drive; and

7           responsive to a request to retrieve a multi-media file from the  
8 network-accessible location, using the information to attempt to locate the  
9 requested file on the local computer's hard drive in one or more user-  
10 designated directories before attempting to retrieve the file in the network-  
11 accessible location, wherein said one or more user-designated directories  
12 can be designated by a user specifying a path name for said one or more  
13 user-designated directories.

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15           13.   (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein said information  
16 comprises a list of local directories where multi-media files are stored.

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18           14.   (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein said information  
19 comprises a list of local directories where multi-media files have been  
20 stored.

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22           15.   (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein said information  
23 comprises a list of local directories where multi-media files are or have  
24 been stored.

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1 16. (Original) The method of claim 12 wherein said information  
2 comprises a list of local directories where multi-media files are stored, and  
3 further comprising asking a user to designate one or more local directories  
4 where a requested multi-media file might be stored if the requested file  
5 cannot be located in the directories designated on the list.

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7 17. (Original) The method of claim 16 further comprising  
8 updating the list responsive to a user designating the one or more  
9 directories, and searching for multi-media files in the one or more  
10 directories on subsequent attempts to locate requested files.

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12 18. (Original) One or more computer-readable media having  
13 computer-readable instructions thereon which, when executed by a  
14 computer, implement the method of claim 12.

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16 19. (Currently Amended) One or more computer-readable media  
17 having computer-readable instructions thereon which, when executed by a  
18 computer, cause the computer to:

19 maintain a list on a local computer that comprises part of a network  
20 having multiple computers, said list being used to determine which local  
21 user-designated directories have been used in the past, or are currently  
22 being used to stored multi-media files that are maintained in a network-  
23 accessible location, wherein said user-designated directories can be  
24 designated by a user specifying a path name for said user-designated  
25 directories; and

1 responsive to a request to retrieve a multi-media file from the  
2 network-accessible location, use the list to first attempt to locate the  
3 requested file on the local computer's hard drive.

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5 20. (Original) The computer-readable media of claim 19,  
6 wherein the instructions further cause the computer to attempt to retrieve  
7 the requested file in the network-accessible location in the event that the  
8 file cannot be located locally.

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10 21. (Original) The computer-readable media of claim 19,  
11 wherein the instructions cause the computer to check only those local  
12 directories that are contained in the list.

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14 22. (Original) The computer-readable media of claim 19,  
15 wherein the instructions cause the computer to ask a user to designate a  
16 local directory where a multi-media file might be stored in the event a  
17 requested file cannot be located on the local computer's hard drive.

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19 23. (Original) The computer-readable media of claim 22,  
20 wherein the instructions cause the computer to update the list to contain a  
21 local directory that the user designates.

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23 24. (Original) The computer-readable media of claim 22,  
24 wherein the instructions cause the computer to attempt to locate the multi-  
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1 media file from the designated local directory before attempting to locate  
2 the requested multi-media file from the network-accessible location.

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4 25. (Currently Amended) A method of processing a multi-media  
5 editing project comprising:

6 receiving one or more multi-media files from a network-accessible  
7 location;

8 locally storing the one or more multi-media files in a local user-  
9 designated directory on a user computer for use in a multi-media editing  
10 project, wherein said user-designated directory can be designated by a user  
11 specifying a path name for said user-designated directory;

12 updating a list of local user-designated directories that contain or  
13 have contained multi-media files in the past in the event that the one or  
14 more multi-media files are stored in a local user-designated directory that  
15 is not contained in the list;

16 responsive to receiving a request for a multi-media file that is  
17 maintained in the network-accessible location:

18 first checking in all of the local user-designated directories on the  
19 list of local user-designated directories for the requested file; and

20 second checking the network-accessible location for the requested  
21 file in the event the requested file is not found locally.

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23 26. (Original) The method of claim 25 further comprising prior  
24 to second checking, asking a user to point to a local directory where the  
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1 requested file might be stored and checking that local directory for the  
2 requested file.

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4 27. (Original) The method of claim 26, wherein said updating  
5 comprises doing so responsive to a user pointing to a local directory where  
6 the requested file might be stored.

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8 28. (Original) The method of claim 25, wherein the multi-media  
9 files are read only files.

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11 29. (Original) One or more computer-readable media having  
12 computer-readable instructions thereon which, when executed by a  
13 computer, implement the method of claim 25.

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15 30. (Currently Amended) One or more computer-readable  
16 media having computer-readable instructions thereon which, when  
17 executed by a computer, cause the computer to:

18 maintain a list of local user-designated directories that are or have  
19 been used to store multi-media files on a local user computer, the multi-  
20 media files being accessible from a network storage location, wherein said  
21 user-designated directories can be designated by a user specifying a path  
22 name for said user-designated directories;

23 generate a request for a multi-media file that is accessible from a  
24 network storage location, the request being intended for use in retrieving a  
25 multi-media file from the network accessible storage location;



1 intercept the request;  
2 ascertain a requested file from the request;  
3 first, determine whether the requested file is locally available by  
4 checking all of the local user-designated directories maintained on the list  
5 and retrieve the requested file from a local user-designated directory if the  
6 file is locally maintained;  
7 second, seek the requested file from the network storage location if  
8 the file is not locally maintained;  
9 store the requested file in a local user-designated directory if the  
10 requested file is retrieved from the network storage location; and  
11 update the list to reflect the local user-designated directory if the  
12 local user-designated directory in which the requested file is stored is not  
13 on the list.

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15 31. (Original) The computer-readable media of claim 30,  
16 wherein the instructions cause the computer to update the list responsive to  
17 input received from a user.

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19 32. (Currently Amended) A multi-media editing system  
20 comprising:

21 a multi-media file locator object configured to intercept network-  
22 bound requests for multi-media files and determine whether requested files  
23 are locally maintained on a user computer in one or more user-designated  
24 directories, wherein said one or more user-designated directories can be  
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1 designated by a user specifying a path name for said one or more user-  
2 designated directories; and

3 a list associated with the file locator object and referencing local  
4 user-designated file directories on the user computer where multi-media  
5 files are stored, the list being used by the file locator object to determine  
6 whether requested files are locally maintained on the user computer.

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8 33. (Original) The system of claim 32, wherein the list  
9 references local file directories where files have been maintained in the  
10 past.

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12 34. (Original) The system of claim 32, wherein the locator object  
13 is configured to update the list.

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15 35. (Original) The system of claim 32, wherein the locator object  
16 is configured to update the list responsive to a multi-media file being  
17 stored in a local directory where multi-media files have not been stored  
18 before.

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20 36. (Original) The system of claim 32, wherein the locator object  
21 is configured to update the list responsive to a user designating a local  
22 directory where a multi-media file is stored.

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24 37. (Original) The system of claim 32, wherein the locator object  
25 is configured to cause one or more multi-media files to be sought through

1 the network in the event that the one or more files are not locally  
2 maintained.

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4 38. (Original) The system of claim 32, wherein the locator object  
5 comprises a COM object.

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7 39. (Original) The system of claim 32, wherein the locator object  
8 comprises an object-oriented object.

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